

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, based on this amendment and these following remarks, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 5, and 10 through 22 remain in this case. Claim 13 is amended. Claims 6 through 9 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 23 through 55 were previously canceled.

Claims 17 through 20 were objected to as being multiply dependent upon claim 13 (among other claims) that itself is multiply dependent. Claim 13 is amended to now depend only on claim 12, obviating the basis of the objection to claims 17 through 20. Reconsideration of the objection is respectfully requested.

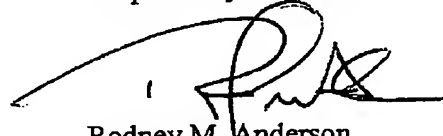
Claims 1 through 5 and 10 stand allowed.

Claims 11 through 16, 21, and 22 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting of the obviousness type, relative to claims 1 through 8 of U.S. Patent No. 5,644,573.

Applicants submit a terminal disclaimer in this application relative to the prior U.S. Patent No. 5,644,573, as suggested by the Examiner. This terminal disclaimer is executed by an authorized representative of the current assignee of this application, and of said U.S. Patent No. 5,644,573. Applicants submit that this terminal disclaimer is sufficient to overcome the remaining basis of rejection in this application.

For the above reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that all claims now in this case are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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